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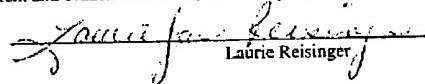
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**Title: METHOD FOR REDUCING
COMPLEXITY OF NUCLEIC ACID SAMPLES**

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UNDER 37 CFR §1.114

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) of the above-identified application.

NOTE: If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d) instead of an RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114:

- a. Previously submitted
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